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SUBJECT: AUGUST 18 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

VANCE, BRZEZINSKI MET W/PRES AT CAMP DAVID 8/17 TO CONFER
LAST TIM: BEFORE SECSTATE LEAVES FOR PRC 8/20 (UPI, NYDN;
AP PHINQ, SUN; REUTER, NYT). NYDN/NYT ALSO NOTE SEN GOLD-
WATER (R-ARIZ), IN LTR TO VANCE, URGES ADMIN REJECT PROPO-
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SALS OF SPLIT W/TAIWAN/TIES W/PRC OUTLINED IN SEN KENNEDY'S
RECENT SPEECH.

FORMER SEN GOP L"ADER HUGH SCOTT REPORTED AFTER HIS 1976
V,SIT TO PRC, HE URGED PRES FORD S;VER TIES W/TAIWAN IN
FAVOR NORMALIZATION W/PRC. SCOTT ADVISED FORD THAT CON-
GRESS/PUBLIC WOULD SUPPORT RAPID MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZATION

AT PRICE OF TAIWAN (GWERTZMAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN).

MARVIN KALB (CBS TV AM NEWS) REPORTS WHILE SEN KENNEDY'S CHINA SPEECH NOT TRIAL BALLOON OR JOINT VENTURE FOR DOS, WAS EXPRESSION ADMIN POLICY WHEN SEN CALLED FOR FULL NORMALIZATION W/PRC W/O ABANDONING TAIWAN. SAYS VANCE MISSION NOT EXPECTED PRODUCE BREAKTHRU IN PART BECAUSE ADMIN DOESN'T WANT COMPOUND PROBLEMS ALREADY EXISTING W/CONGRESS OVER PANAMA CANAL NEGOTS.

IN PEOPLE'S DAILY, PRC URGES AFR/ARAB NATIONS BREAK RELS W/USSR; COMMENDS NIMEIRI OF SUDAN FOR SPEAKING AGAINST SOVIETS (REUTER PEKING).

2. KOREA

NYT QUOTES SOME SEOUL OFFICIALS RE SK ENTERING ATOMIC AGE W/COMPLETION 1ST NUKE POWER PLANT IN NOV. REVIEWS PLANT'S HISTORY/FUTURE PLANS FOR MORE DUE RISING FUEL COSTS. NOTES IN RUSH ENTER ATOMIC AGE, ALMOST NO CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. ADDS W DIPLOMATS STRUCK BY ROKG'S INTENSE INTEREST IN NUKE TECHNOLOGY; POINTS OUT POSSIBILITY SK OWNERSHIP REPROCESSING PLANT REJECTED BY SEOUL OFFICIALS.

PLAINCLOTHES SK POLICE BLOCK CHURCH ENTRANCE WHERE RELATIVES 30 JAILED DISSIDENTS HOLDING HUNGER STRIKE TO DEMAND RELEASE; BAR ABOUT DOZEN WOMEN FROM ENTERING (AP, NYDN).
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FORMER GOP REPS HOGAN (MD)/AYRES (O) SAY GOT 500-DOL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TONGSUN PARK (AP SUN, GLOBE).

3. JAPAN

US REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT IN 3RD ROUND US-JAPAN TALKS PLANNED 8/22 ON JAPANESE PLAN START TRIALS AT TOKAI NUKE FUEL PLANT. US SCI/TECH AGENCY SAID GERARD SMITH, SPECIAL REP ON NON-PROLIF MATTERS, ENGAGED IN OTHER MATTERS; NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN (REUTER TOKYO).

MONSANTO FILES COMPLAINT W/DOT CHARGING JAPANESE FIRMS DUMPING CERTAIN CHEM PRODUCTS ON US MARKET. DOT EXPECTED ANNOUNCE W/IN FEW DAYS THAT WILL INVESTIGATE (WSJ).

MODERATE EARTHQUAKE ROCKED HOUSES IN WAKAYAMA EARLY 8/17; NO CASUALTY/MAJOR DAMAGE REPORTED (AP, LAT 8/17).

4. JAPAN/PHILIPPINES

IN MANILA 8/18, FUKUDA PLEDGED JAPAN'S VIGOROUS COOPERA-

TION AS EQUAL PARTNER W/ASEAN. OUTLINING PHILOSOPHY OF "FUKUDA DOCTRINE" AT LUNCH FOR MARCOS, PM SAID POLICIES ALSO INCLUDED CLOSE RELS W/INDOCHINA/TOTAL RENUNCIATION ANY MIL ROLE FOR JAPAN/PROMOTION REGIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGES (REUTER MANILA; UPI, GLOBE).

5. PHILIPPINES

WIDEMAN (WP) AT MANILA REPORTS 2 ARMY LTS CHARGED W/TORTURE TRINIDAD HERRERA ACQUITTED BY MIL COURT. REVIEWS

CASE. SAYS MAY BE DISCUSSED AT WORLD PEACE THRU LAW CONF TO OPEN MANILA 8/22. MENTIONS NEW TORTURE CASE ABOUT WHICH MARCOS MUST DECIDE.

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6. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RTG MIL REPORT 50 CAMBODIAN TROOPS CROSSED BORDER 8/16, AMBUSHED THAI PATROL, WOUNDING 5. MIL ATTACHES FROM 12 COUNTRIES, INCL US/UK/France, INVITED BY RTG INSPECT BORDER VILLAGE IN SE THAILAND WHERE CAMBODIANS RECENTLY KILLED 15. GROUP/COPTERS DIVERTED TO 2ND VILLAGE AFTER CAMBODIANS FIRED ON 1ST (AP BANGKOK).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

NYT CONCURS W/PROPOSALS IN KENNEDY'S 8/15 SPEECH ON CHINA; SAYS ADMIN "WOULD DO WELL TO TAKE SEN. KENNEDY'S ADVICE."

GLOBE FEATURES SMALL/FUZZY UPI PIC MIT PROF CHAO-CHUNG TING/WIFE SEATED W/TENG HSIAO-PING. CHAO ON VISIT/WAS TENG'S GUEST AT PEKING BANQUET 8/17.

CSM'S MUNRO IN PEKING DOES ITEM ON TEMPORARY EARTHQUAKE SHELTERS BUILT IN PRC AFTER MAJOR 1976 EARTHQUAKE IN TANGSHAN. SAYS FACT PEOPLE STILL LIVING IN SHELTERS WHEN NO LONGER NECESSARY BESPEAKS NEED FOR PVT SPACE/PROPERTY.

8. KOREA

CSM CARRIES SLP-D ITEM THAT SEES POTENTIALLY AWKWARD PROBLEM STEMMING FROM OTHERWISE DESIRABLE US PULLOUT: DECISION ESTABLISH JOINT US-SK MIL CMD THAT MAY INCREASE CHANCES FOR CONFLICT W/NK. OPINES SK MAY ALSO BUILD HUGE

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ARSENAL WHENSETSUP OWN DEFENSE INDUSTRY THAT MAY START
ARMS RACE W/NK. CONCLUDES ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE IF
DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFINED TO DEFENSIVE WEAPONS.

KILLAN (CHITRIB) LOOKS OVER "SEAS OF TYPE" FROM WP/NYT RE
KOREAGATE SCANDAL THAT HE BELIEVES IS RELATIVELY MINOR
W/O MUCH TO BE DISCLOSED.

9. THAILAND

ACCORDING ROC, RTG PREPARING EXPLOIT 1ST DOMESTIC SOURCE
ENERGY--NATURAL GAS FIND IN THAI GULF. CONTRACT EXPECTED
BE SIGNED SEPT W/UNION OIL/TEXAS PAC; 200-MIL-DOL INVEST-

MENT SEEN AS BOON TO FALLING INVESTMENT, WHICH, ACCORDING
OBSERVERS, DUE LOW PRIORITY WASHINGTON SAID TO PLACE ON
SEA. OTHER W BUSINESSMEN SAID SUSPICIOUS ACCELERATING
MIL CLASHES/ENCROACHING COMMUNISM/ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTIONS
THAT PRESENT DYNASTY WILL END W/BHUMIPOL (LORENZ, 8/18).
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